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TODAY and TOMORROW

The Only Salvation

A SAMPLE of what the post-war world will be like, is furnished to us today by the happenings in the Middle East. Syria and Lebanon are scenes of bloody conflict between the natives and the French troops. These two countries are supposed to be independent. Their independence and sovereignty were recognised by both Britain and the United States. The Anglo-Americans are always ready to recognise the independence of any country so long as that country is not under their own jackboots.

But now come the French and the Senegalese troops into Lebanon and Syria to stamp out all talk of independence and take these countries back to their former subjection to France. The people resist these troops of course—only to get shot by the thousand, as though they were wild beasts. Britain and the United States merely look on at the sanguinary spectacle.

France is supposed to be one of the principal members of the world security organisation that the San Francisco Conference is trying to set up. If France herself behaves thus like a gangster power, it would be easy to gauge what sort of world security is going to emerge from the long-winded deliberations in San Francisco.

The trouble with the self-appointed architects of post-war security who are gathered now in that city is this: The Big Powers do not trust each other, and are in turn distrusted by the small powers. Every big power is bent, not on framing a world economy in which nations can live at permanent peace with each other, but on enlarging and consolidating its own present position against possible wars in the future.

If the San Francisco Conference were really sincere about establishing lasting peace in the post-war world, the question of India's independence would be one of the paramount items on the agenda. And yet, we have been authoritatively informed, the question of India's independnece was not brought up for discussion at the Conference.

The only hope of India, as well as the Middle East and the Far East, lies in the destruction of the Anglo-American imperialisms. The Greater East Asia War affords us a god-sent opportunity to root out this evil and every true Asian should rise to this occasion in order to achieve our independence.

Grave Tension Between France & Levant States

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Police Fire On Crowds; Eight People Killed & Twenty-Five Wounded

Zurich, May 21 (Domei)—The tension between France and the Levant states shows no sign of abating, and there is some talk in unofficial circles of holding a meeting of the Council of the Arab League to consider the situation, according to a Reuter dispatch from Cairo today.

With the strike in protest against the arrival of fresh French troops still continuing in Beirut, a traveller reaching Cairo today said that many demonstrations took place in Beirut and Damascus yesterday in support of the attitude of the Syrian and Lebanese governments.

A Damascus dispatch reported that eight persons, including four students, were killed and 25 wounded when the police fired on anti-French demonstrators, while women took part in demonstrations in Beirut—something quite unusual in the Eastern countries.

Meantime, the Lebanese Government was reported to have sent a note to Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and Chungking, protesting over the sudden arrival of French reinforcements in Beirut without Lebanese sanction.

The note said that the reinforcement was unjustified and impaired the atmosphere for friendly negotiations, and Lebanon therefore has declined to continue negotiations on the French proposals contained in a memorandum submitted by French Delegate-General General Gene Beynet.

Although the exact nature of the French proposals has not been bared, it is understood that France is insisting on strategic, economic and cultural priority in Lebanon to which the Lebanese are strongly opposed.

Foe All-Out Offensive Fails In Tarakan Zone

A Nippon Base in Borneo, May 22 (Domei)—With all varied types of firearms mobilized in the general offensive launched on May 16 the enemy has been unable to break through the Nippon firstline defence on the Tarakan front. Positions north of the airfield and oilfield area still remain firmly in our hands.

More than ten days' desperate attacks have merely netted the enemy a scant one-tenth of Tarakan Island and nothing more, despite overwhelming superiority in men and material. The enemy's efforts at finishing repair work in the airfield and oilfield areas are also being greatly hampered by persistent attacks carried on by our troops.

BRITISH NERVOUSNESS OVER INDIA CRISIS; PROFESSOR LASKI DENOUNCES AMERY

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Striking evidence of British anxiety over the seriousness of the crisis confronting them in India is revealed in reports received here today. The nationalist forces in the country have intensified the anti-British revolution striking terror among the British authorities. Some Britishers at home are pretending to sympathise with India's legitimate aspirations in order to appease the nationalist elements in the country.

According to a despatch from London, the British Labour Party warned the Secretary of State for India, Leopold Amery, that in view of his unsatisfactory replies on questions concerning India, it would proceed on the instructions of the Labour Party's conference to demand the immediate release of Indian political prisoners for the opening of negotiations with responsible Indian leaders for a representative Indian National Government.

While a few Britishers, in their anxiety over the Indian situation, are urging the British Government to grant some concessions to India, Churchill and Amery and their gang are determined to continue British domination and exploitation of India.

According to a despatch from Blackpool, a Labour deputation had to wait for five months before the Secretary of State for India, would receive them. Bitterly attacking Amery, Professor Harold Laski said that Amery put them off for five months on the ground that he was conducting negotiations which he wanted to conclude before receiving the deputation.

British-created famine and pestilence which has followed in its wake continue to take a heavy toll of Indian lives throughout the country and particularly in the province of Bengal, according to latest reports received here today.

According to a despatch from New York, cholera epidemic is raging violently in the province of Bengal and thousands of Indians are daily falling victims to this disease. The despatch adds that due to lack of medicine and other facilities, one out of three who catch the disease are dying.

The callous British authorities, instead of trying to relieve the sad plight of the disease-stricken and famine stricken masses, are making their plight worse by confiscating all food-stocks and medicine for the use of the Anglo-American armies.

Brisk Fighting Rages On Bougainville; Foe Attempts Frustrated

Tokyo, May 21 (Domei)—Fighting on Bougainville Island since the first part of this month has become brisk, with our garrison forces meeting enemy attempts to penetrate our lines with repeated counter-attacks. In the southern sector of the island the enemy under cover of air action started attacking from the Tokinoto, Lunay and Taytay sectors since the beginning of the month.

During the middle part of this month approximately 300 enemy troops with four tanks attempted to advance toward Fuluru. Our forces in this sector however are securely holding positions on the Fuluru River and carrying out fierce counter-attacks.

Meanwhile, part of enemy forces in the Mosigeta-Taytay area crossed the Hongray River and infiltrated into the eastern section of our lines. During fighting in this sector defence units in the Mosigeta-Taytay sector inflicted 115 casualties on the enemy, destroyed one tank, and heavily damaged two enemy aircraft.

In the Numanuma and Torokina sectors, central part of Bougainville Island, there has been no marked change in the military situation. However, enemy forces on Saraken Peninsula, northern sector of the island, managed to gradually advance forward northward as far as Roiten.

Localised Fighting On Mindanao; No Change In General Situation

Philippine Front, May 22 (Domei)—There have been no material changes in the general situation on the Davao front, Mindanao Island, where however, localized fighting is taking place at scattered points.

About 2.30 p.m. last Friday, May 18, enemy troops supported by two armoured cars attacked our positions in the vicinity of Davao but were repulsed by Nippon defenders. The following day May 19 about one battalion of enemy troops supported by three tanks advanced to Tamurut, while about 100 enemy troops attacked Panakan. Fierce fighting is now raging in these two sectors.

The same day about one battalion of enemy troops attacked the right wing of Nippon positions. Our units also engaged in battle with one company of enemy troops at Sasa. The enemy is now reinforcing his troops in this sector.

On May 19 a portion of enemy forces penetrated into the southern section of the first airfield at Sasa. However, enemy troops have so far failed to make inroads in the region north of Panakan River.

Enemy Strength On Okinawa War Front Depleted

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Foe Forces To Abandon Firstline Combat Due To Colossal Losses

Okinawa Front, May 23 (Domei)—The heavy toll exacted by Nippon defenders of Okinawa during the past two months since the enemy landed on the island has resulted in virtual annihilation of the main strength of the enemy's 24th Army Corps. Fierce localised fighting continued during the two days May 18 and 19 but the enemy's offensive now appears to have nearly spent its force throughout the entire line in the southern sector of Okinawa Island.

With five to six enemy divisions having suffered heavily as a result of fierce Nippon counter-attacks, the enemy has now begun to show unmistakable signs of exhaustion. Out of a total of eight divisions belonging to the 24th Army Corps and Third Marine Corps which the enemy employed in the Okinawa invasion operations, the 96th and 27th Divisions of the 24th Army Corps have depicted their fighting strength to such a degree that they have been obliged to drop out of firstline combat.

With this new lineup the enemy, during the two days May 9 and 10 launched a fresh offensive but his attempts have been upset everywhere

Our forces are exacting an averge daily toll of 2,000 casualties on the enemy who sustained an estimated loss of 18,600 officers and men during the period May 8 to sundown May 16. Judging from this heavy toll the enemy's personnel attrition during the past ten days is estimated to have exceeded 20,000 which means his total strength of four divisions has been cut down by one-half. Thus it is believed the main strength of the 24th Army Corps has been virtually wiped out during the past two months' bitter fighting on Okinawa Island.

Nippon Units On New Guinea Go Into Action

Tokyo, May 22 (Domei)—Nippon garrison units at Mar, on the northwestern tip of New Guinea Island, surprise-attacked enemy bivouacs on May 4 and again on May 8 and 9, catching enemy troops completely off guard and throwing them into utter confusion, according to a frontline dispatch reaching here today.

As a result part of enemy forces hastily fled to Futako (Middleburg) Island.

Meanwhile, the enemy appears to have started using the airfield at Futako Island, but the number of aircraft is very limited.

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Five Warcraft Sunk Or Damaged Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base in the Okinawa Sector, May 22 (Domei)—The Nippon air force in another air strike against enemy warcraft in Okinawa waters last Sunday May 20 is so far known to have accounted for at least five enemy surface craft either sunk or heavily damaged. Airmen of our special attack air corps also took part in this successful operation. These airmen continued to strike at enemy craft lying at anchor off the Kerama Group yesterday, in the face of inclement weather.

On the evening of May 20 one special attack air unit launched a bodycrashing attack on enemy surface craft in waters near Iye and Kume islands. All airmen of this unit are known to have scored direct "plane" hits on eenmy ships. Details and results scored in this air strike however remain to be made known later pending a final checkup.

About 8 p.m. Sunday night our air force attacked and sank one enemy transport and heavily damaged another in waters south of Iye Island. Almost simultaneously another air unit succeeded in sinking one enemy transport and heavily crippling another. About 11.30 that night our airmen sank one enemy light cruiser off Naha, Main Okinawa Island.

Meanwhile Nippon airmen's bag of enemy surface craft in their sweeping attack carried out last Friday May 19, in waters around Main Okinawa Island have now been boosted up to ten, including aircraft-carriers, according to the latest checkup on the basis of further detailed operational reports made available here today.

In the night sortie on that occasion in which airmen of the special attack corps also participated results scored were previously placed at six enemy surface craft sunk or heavily crippled. Latest operational reports however disclosed our airmen additionally accounted for four enemy craft sunk in waters south of Katena, Main Okinawa Island. Those four enemy vessels additionally listed as sunk were two destroyers, of which one instantaneously and two other warcraft of small size.

Nippon Young People's Corps To Be Dissolved

Tokyo, May 21 (Domei)—The Dai Nippon Seishonendan—Nippon Young People's Corps—will be dissolved and its members transferred to the newly organized Student Corps under the Wartime Education Decree which takes effect on Tuesday May 22.

In this connection the Education Ministry will send out instructions tomorrow to prefectural authorities for speedy conversion of the Young People's Corps into the Student Corps.

Enemy Surface Craft Damaged Off Katena

A Nippon Frontline Airbase, May 21 (Domei)—In the face of inclement weather Nippon special attack corps at sundown yesterday, May 20, carried out bodycrashing attacks against enemy surface craft frantically engaged in landing supplies off Katena, Main Okinawa Island, inflicting heavy damage. Detailed results scored in this attack are however not yet learned.

U.S. Manoeuvre To Woo France From Russians

Lisbon, May 20 (Domei)—Deeply concerned over Russia's growing influence over Europe, American authorities appear recently to have embarked on an intensified political manoeuvre designed to woo France away from its policy of collaboration with the Soviet Union, according to a survey of recent American dispatches.

In this connection, the New York Herald Tribune, commenting on American President Harry Trumann's recent conversation with visiting French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, reported significantly today that Trumann manifested "evident desire" to cement cordial Franco-American relations.

The journal went a step further to declare that "there is no reason in logic or sentiment why France and the United States should not be the best of friends" and to flatter the French for their past ability to see eye-to-eye with the United States.

The sudden lyrical outbursts of pro-French sentiment by the New York Herald Tribune appears to reflect the new tendency on the part of the United States to tie up France with the Anglo-American camp and a reversion to the past Anglo-American policy of securing French support for balancing the scale of power in Europe.

It seems apparent that with the recent increasing signs of Russian unwillingness "to play ball" with the Anglo-American powers in the settlement of European problems, the latter have realized more acutely the need of the support of another major power in Europe, namely, France.

In their attempts to wean France away from its relations with the Soviet Union, there are indications, moreover, to support the view that the Anglo-Americans are dangling the possibilities of sanctioning outright French occupation of the Saar in return for French collaboration.

163,051 U.S. Casualties In Pacific Operations

Lisbon, May 21 (Domei)—The United States Office of War Information releasing casualties suffered by American armed forces in Pacific amphibious operations today said that 163,051 men have been killed, wounded or are missing from Guadalcanar to Okinawa.

The report said the total through May 9 for the United States show 33,420 Americans killed in action 125,447 wounded and 4,175 missing. The report further disclosed that United States army casualties for the Pacific campaigns total 17,078 killed, 64,697 wounded and 1,262 missing, while casualties for American navy and marines were 15,748 killed, 60,750 wounded, and 2,913 missing.

Australia Faces Acute Shortage In Wheat

Lisbon, May 21 (Domei)—With the continuation of rainless conditions in Northern Victoria, anxiety is growing among the Australians that the State may be in for a third year of drought, according to a Melbourne message.

With the middle of winter only a month away, no rain has fallen in Northern Victoria, and fear prevails that a third bad wheat season would be a serious blow inasmuch as Australia already is suffering from an acute wheat shortage.

It will be recalled it has already been announced that Australia will have only have a month's supply of flour in the mills by the time the next harvest season rolls around.

French Attitude Towards Levant States Slashed

Zurich, May 22 (Domei)—Describing the French attitude toward the Levant states as being "unreasonable", Abdul Rahman Azzam Bey, Secretary-General of the Arab League, at a Press Conference in Cairo, today said that both the Lebanese and Syrian governments considered the proposals made by France as "reactionary and outdated, representing an imperialistic colonial state of mind," according to a Cairo dispatch.

"If this attitude is allowed to prevail, it would be a mockery to the human sacrifices in this war, which was fought to replace the principle of might by that of right," he said.

Azzam declared that the Levant people regard the dispatch of French troops to Beirut as an attempt to press through French policy with the threat of force and as being wholly unjustified.

He pointed out that Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States already have recognized the independence of the Levant states.

As the result of the latest crisis in Lebanon, the Arab League, which intended to meet after the San Francisco Conference, might have to meet earlier, Azzam said, hoping however, that this would be unnecessary if the French adopted a resonable attitude.

Enemy Iwoojima Bases Badly Raided, Blasted

Tokyo, May 22 (Domei)—The Nippon air force carried out a successful assault on Iwoojima last night May 21, when our attacking airmen scored direct hits on targets with all missiles released.

This air strike which proved a complete surprise-raid was directed at the enemy-held Motoyama airfield on Iwoojima. As a result at least six points on the airfield were blasted and set ablaze, when big explosions were caused at several other points in the target area. Our airmen's exploit was all the more impressive because the night raid was carried out in the face of extremely bad weather.

SYONAN TOKUBETU SI
NOTICE NO. 44.

Re: Removal of Syokuryo-ka
(Foodstuffs Department)

Notice is hereby given that the offices of the Syokuryo-ka, Syonan Tokubetu-si Seityo, have been removed to the undermentioned address, and all affairs connected with the department are being conducted at the new offices.

1. New Address: Syonan Tokubetu-si Syokuryo Kanri Syo (Food Control Office), 12 Raffles Quay.
2. Date of Removal: 21st May, Showa 20.
3. Telephone Numbers: General Affairs Salt & Sugar Section 2313. Rice Section: 2198, 5321, 2761.

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Battleship 'New Mexico' Damaged Off Lingayen

Lisbon, May 20 (Domei)—The 33,400-ton American battleship "New Mexico" was damaged by Nipponese aerial action off Lingayen during the American landing operations approximately five months ago, the American Navy Department disclosed today in another belated announcement of American naval losses, according to a Washington dispatch.

The commander of the warship and 27 other members of the crew were killed or wounded in the attack, it was revealed. The "New Mexico" was completed in 1917.

Vesak & Thiruvalluvar Day To Be Celebrated

The Vesak Day, the day on which Lord Buddha was born, attained Enlightenment and also Nirvana, will be celebrated at the Ramakrishna Mission, No. 9 Norris Road, on Saturday next at 6 p.m. The programme includes worship, sermons and devotional songs.

On the following day, May 27, at 5.30 p.m. the anniversary of Saint Thiruvalluvar will be observed at the same premises. The function will include worship, addresses, devotional songs and musical entertainment. Refreshments will be served to children of the Indian National School and the Ramakrishna Mission Orphanages.

Palestine Arabs Stage 1-Day Sympathy Strike

Zurich, May 21 (Domei)—In a demonstration of sympathy toward the Lebanese Government in its latest dispute with France, the leaders of the Arab Political Parties in Palestine have declared a one-day sympathy strike, according to a dispatch reaching here today.

U.S. General Killed In Action On Luzon

Zurich, May 22 (Domei)—An Associated Press dispatch said that one of the youngest Generals in the American army—34-year-old Brigadier General James Dalton—was killed by a Nippon sniper's bullet on May 16 while in the frontline near Balete Pass on Luzon Island.

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Marshal Tito Suggests "Direct Negotiations"

Zurich, May 21 (Domei)—The Belgrade Radio today said that Yugoslavia may settle the question of Istria and Trieste prior to a peace conference by direct negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia, as Yugoslav Marshal Joseph Tito arrived in Trieste personally to survey the existing conditions.

Tito was reported to have received an enthusiastic reception from the populace of Yugoslav-occupied Trieste. At a civic welcome, speakers were said to have proclaimed their determination to defend the liberties of autonomous Trieste but made no direct reference to the delicate issue of including Trieste within Yugoslavia.

Meantime, a London dispatch said that while the Belgrade Radio's statement was considered as a sign of Yugoslav's willingness to reach an agreement, official British quarters waited with some feeling of apprehension further clarification of what is precisely meant by "direct negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia."

Death Of Joe Francis

The death occurred at his residence, No. 107, Bencoolen Street, Syonan, last night, of Mr. Joseph Francis ("Joe"). The deceased was 32 years of age and had been ailing for some time.

He was the second son of the late Mr. M. Francis, one time General Foreman of the Government Printing Office, and also the Choirmaster and Organist of the Choir of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Funeral takes place this evening, the cortege leaving for the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and thence to Bidadari for interment at 5 p.m. (T.T.)

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